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SUBJ: SHORT TERM AMERICAN GRANTEES (STAG) AND GOI REQUEST FOR
SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISER

1. IN CONVERSATION ON JULY 9, LABOR MINISTER MOINI ASKED
EMBASSY'S POLITICAL COUNSELOR AND REGIONAL LABOR ATTACHE ABOUT
STAG PROGRAM BECAUSE IRAN HAD NOT BEEN OFFERED ANY LABOR OR MAN-
POWER STAGS IN SOME TIME. LATER IN DAY MINISTER-DESIGNATE OF NEW
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE, DR SHOJAEDIN SHEIKHOESLAMZADEH, EX-
PRESSED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN OBTAINING STAGS IN SOCIAL SECUR-
ITY, SOCIAL WELFARE, HEALTH INSURANCE AND OTHER FIELDS RELATED TO
MINISTRY'S RESPONSIBILITIES.

2. SHEIKHOESLAMZADEH ALSO EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN OBTAINING
SERVICES OF TOP CALIBER HEW EXPERT FOR THIRTY TO FORTY-FIVE DAYS
TO ADVISE HIM IN ORGANIZING NEW MINISTRY. GOI WOULD PAY FULL COSTS
FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE. AS HEAD OF IRANIAN REHABILITATION SOCIETY,
SHEIKHOESLAMZADEH BROUGHT OVER SEVERAL NOTED REHAB SPECIALISTS AT
SOCIETY'S EXPENSE AND IS PLEASED WITH RESULTS. HE EXPECTS THAT
LAW ESTABLISHING HIS MINISTRY WILL BE FINALLY APPROVED IN ABOUT
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TWO WEEKS (BILL HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED IN LOWER HOUSE). BASIC

RESPONSIBILITIES OF NEW MINISTRY WERE OUTLINED IN EMBASSY'S
A-95, JUNE 26. MINISTER-DESIGNATE IS US-TRAINED ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON,
APPARENTLY HAND PICKED FOR JOB BECAUSE OF HIS DYNAMISM,
VITALITY AND REPUTATION FOR EXECUTIVE ABILITY.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: A. PLEASE ADVISE US (INFO ANKARA FOR RLA)
OF PRESENT STATUS REGIONAL STAG PROGRAM IN LABOR, SOCIAL WELFARE
AND RELATED FIELDS, AS WELL AS PROSPECTS FOR OBTAINING SEVERAL
STAGS IN NEXT SIX MONTHS.
B. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT SHEIKHOESLAMZADEH'S REQUEST FOR HIGHLY
COMPETENT TECHNICAL/ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISOR TO HELP ORGANIZE NEW
SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTRY AND WOULD APPRECIATE HEW'S VIEWS ON
FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING SUCH A PERSON.
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